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Martin Hillenbrand and others interested in the Berlin access affair. I had a long talk alone with Hodes regarding the future course of negotiations on military convoy and individual truck movements, but could not reconcile in all particulars our differing points of view. Later we adjourned to the conference room to have a general discussion. I sympathize with Hank's desire to yield nothing to the Soviets but do not think it is probable they will accept looser documentation than we have been in the habit of giving them. He believes perhaps they will. At any rate, if they refuse he is in favor of stalling the talks as long as possible and his view of "possible" is a period of many months. The British and French would never accept such a postponement if it were to interfere, as it probably would, with their present traffic. We finally decided to let the political advisors in Berlin take one more crack at this problem and insist upon the so-called simple document as presented by General Hodes to General Zakharov.

Saturday, July 12, 1958

I left at nine o'clock this morning for Wiesbaden by train. Joe Dasher met me and I delivered our wedding present to him [redacted] He hopes to find an apartment in Köln. At present he is motoring four hours a day back and forth between Wiesbaden and Bonn.

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